

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

1:05-cv-103-OWW LJO

ALFRED KARCHER,

Plaintiff,

VS.

JONATHAN WALLERS, et al.,

Defendant

**ORDER SETTING MANDATORY
SCHEDULING CONFERENCE**

DATE: September 8, 2005

TIME: 8:45 a.m.

COURTROOM TWO

JUDGE OLIVER W. W.

JUDGE OLIVER W. WANGER

20 No schedule dates are currently in place in this matter, therefore, it is ordered that you appear
21 for a formal scheduling conference before U. S. District Judge Oliver W. Wanger in Courtroom
22 Two, United States Courthouse, 1130 'O' Street, Fresno, California, 93721, on the date and time
23 stated above.

Attendance at the Scheduling Conference is mandatory upon each party not represented by counsel, or, alternatively, by retained counsel. Only counsel who are thoroughly familiar with the facts and law of the instant case, and who have full authority to bind his or her client, shall appear. Trial Counsel should participate in this Scheduling Conference whenever possible.

28 A Joint Scheduling Report, carefully prepared and executed by all counsel, shall be filed with
the Clerk of the Court, in full compliance with the requirements as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached

1 hereto **one (1) full week prior to the Scheduling Conference.**

2 For reference purposes, the Court requires that counsels' Joint Scheduling Report indicate
3 the date, time, and courtroom of the Scheduling Conference opposite the caption on the first page
4 of the Report.

5 Among other things, counsel will be expected to discuss the possibility of settlement.
6 Counsel are to thoroughly discuss settlement with each other before undertaking the preparation of
7 the Joint Scheduling Report and engaging in extensive discovery. However, even if settlement
8 negotiations are progressing, counsel are expected to comply with the requirements of this Order
9 unless otherwise excused by the Court. If the case is settled, please promptly inform the Court, and
10 counsel's presence, as well as the joint Scheduling Report, will not be required.

11 Counsel are encouraged to consent to the jurisdiction of the U. S. Magistrate Judge, and will
12 be expected to discuss their positions with respect to this at the conference. Should all parties reach
13 an agreement to such consent prior to the conference, please contact the court and the conference will
14 be rescheduled before the assigned Magistrate Judge.

15 **Counsel, whose office is more than fifth (50) files from the Courthouse, may request**
16 **that their attendance by telephonic conference.** If two or more parties wish to appear
17 telephonically, counsel shall decide which will be responsible for making prior arrangements for the
18 conference call with the AT&T operator (if counsel do not have conference call capabilities on their
19 telephone systems), and shall initiate the call at the above-designated time. **After all parties are on**
20 **the line, the call should then be placed to Judge Wanger's chambers at (559) 498-7493.**
21 **Additionally, counsel are directed to indicate on the face page of their Joint Scheduling Report**
22 **that the conference will be telephonic.**

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24 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

25 OLIVER W. WANGER

26 EXHIBIT "A"

27 At least twenty (20) days before the scheduled Scheduling Conference, the actual trial counsel for all parties
28 shall conduct and conclude a conference at a time and place arranged by counsel for the Plaintiff. This conference
shall be preferably a personal conference between counsel, but due to the distances involved in this District, a
telephonic conference call involving all counsel is permissible. The Joint Scheduling Conference Statement shall

1 respond to the following items by corresponding number paragraphs:

2 1. Summary of the factual and legal contentions set forth in the pleadings of each party, including the
3 relief sought by any party presently before the Court.

4 2. Any proposed amendment to the pleadings presently on file shall be filed by its proponent
5 contemporaneously with the Scheduling Conference Report. If the matter cannot be resolved at the Scheduling
6 Conference, the matter will be set as a Motion to Amend in accordance with the Rules of Practice of the Eastern
7 District of California.

8 3. A summary detailing the uncontested and contested facts.

9 4. A summary of the legal issues as to which there is no dispute, *i.e.*, jurisdiction, venue, applicable
10 federal or state law, etc., as well as a summary of the disputed legal issues.

11 5. The position of the parties with respect to consenting to jurisdiction of the U.S. Magistrate Judge
12 for all purposes, including trial.

13 6. The status of all matters which are presently set before the Court, *i.e.*, hearing all motions, etc.

14 7. A complete and detailed discovery plan, including a firm cut-off date for discovery, as outlined in
15 Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(f)(2) and a proposed date for disclosure of expert witnesses.

16 8. Dates agreed to by all counsel for:

- 17 (a) Filing pre-trial motions, with the understanding that motions will not be entertained after
18 the agreed date. (No later than 45 days prior to the proposed Pre-Trial Conference date.)
19 (b) Settlement Conference date.
20 (c) Pre-Trial Conference date.
21 (d) Trial date.

22 All of these dates should be considered firm dates. Dates should be set to allow the Court to decide
23 any matters under submission before the Pre-Trial Conference is set.

24 9. At the conference referred to above, counsel are encouraged to discuss settlement, and the Court will
25 expect a statement in the Joint Scheduling Report as to the possibility of settlement. Counsel shall indicate whether
26 they feel a settlement conference is desired, and when it should occur, *i.e.*, before further discover, after discovery,
27 after pre-trial motions, etc.

28 10. A statement as to whether the case is a jury or non-jury case.

29 11. An estimate of the number of trial days required. When counsel cannot agree, each party shall give
30 his or her estimate.

31 12. Whether either party requests bifurcation of trial or has any other suggestion for shortening trial.
32 It should be noted that all federal tort Claims cases are bifurcated as a matter of course.

33 13. Whether this matter is related to any matter pending in this court or any other court, including any
34 bankruptcy court.

35 Should counsel fail to appear at the Scheduling Conference or fail to comply with the directions set out above,
36 an ex parte hearing may be held and judgment of dismissal or default or other appropriate judgment may be entered,
37 or sanctions, including contempt of court, may be imposed or ordered.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In re:) CV F _____
STANDING ORDER IN ALL CIVIL)
CASES ASSIGNED TO U. S.)
DISTRICT JUDGE OLIVER W.)
WANGER)
_____)

1. Civil law and motion calendar is held on Mondays at 10:00
a.m. in Courtroom Two (dispositive motions only; non-
dispositive motions are heard by the assigned Magistrate
Judge). Pursuant to Local Rule 78-230(h), counsel are to
notify the courtroom deputy clerk (559-498-7256) if it is
anticipated that oral argument of their motion will exceed
20 minutes. Scheduling Conferences are held on Wednesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays at 8:30 and 8:45 a.m.

2. Counsel are expected to consult and conform with all
provisions of the Local Rules relating to continuances,

1 motions, and all other matters. A proposed form of
2 order shall be submitted with all motions and
3 opposition papers.

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5 3. Unless prior leave of court seven days before the
6 filing date is obtained, all briefs or legal memoranda
7 in civil cases shall not exceed 25 pages and briefs or
8 legal memoranda in criminal cases shall not exceed 10
9 pages. Reply briefs filed by moving parties shall not
10 exceed 10 pages. Briefs that exceed this page
11 limitation or sought to be filed after the required
12 filing date MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED.

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14 4. Joint Scheduling Conference Statements and Joint Pre-
15 Trial Statements are required and must be filed seven
16 days before the hearing date. In addition, a copy of
17 the Statement shall be e-mailed in Word or WordPerfect
18 format to owwords@caed.uscourts.gov.

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20 5. Local Rule 7-130 is augmented by addition of the
21 requirement that type font or printing shall not be
22 smaller than CG Times 12 point or Courier 12 cpi, or
23 other comparable legible type, throughout the entire
24 document.

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26 6. All documents mailed to the court for filing are to be
27 addressed to the Office of the Clerk, Room 5000,
28 1130 O Street, Fresno, CA 93721. No documents shall be

mailed directly to the judges chambers.

7. Telephonic appearances are limited. Telephonic appearances are basically limited to scheduling conferences. However, if counsel resides outside the state of California they may arrange to appear at a motion telephonically. Arrangements for a telephonic appearance must be made with the courtroom deputy at least five days in advance.

SO ORDERED

OLIVER W. WANGER
United States District Judge